Amendment to Representation of People's Act, 1951

2080. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to amend the Representation of the People's Act, 1951, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the provisions of these Acts are directly violative of the citizenship right of Indian citizens; and if so, whether Government would like to amend those provisions?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is committed to bring necessary reforms in electoral laws. The proposals in this regard are, however, still in the process of taking concrete shape and, therefore, it would be pre-mature to divulge the details. Amendment in electoral laws is a serious and contentious subject and, therefore, considerable time and attention are being given to it.

(b) Some disqualification provisions are harsh and are being looked into.

Two child norm for contesting Lok Sabha elections

2081. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends enforcing the "two child" norm as a precondition for contesting election to Lok Sabha;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) A Bill, namely, The Constitution (Seventy-ninth Amendment) Bill, 1992 seeking to disqualifying a person for being chosen as, and for being, a Member of a House of Parliament of Legislature of a State for having more than two children so as to promote population control and small family norm was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 22.12.1992 by the then Government. The Bill is still pending for consideration and passing by that House.